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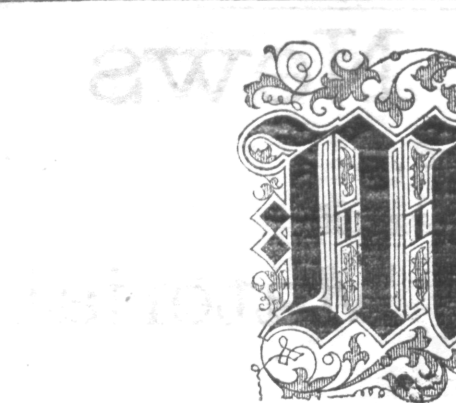
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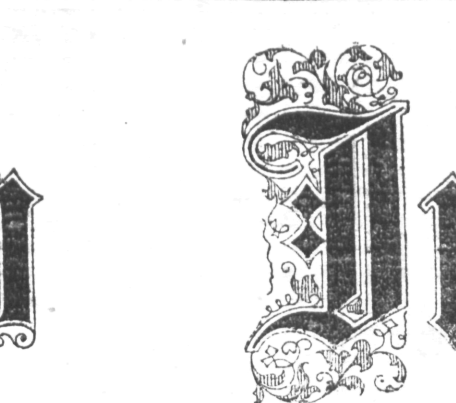
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Newspaper Decisions.
1. Any person who takes a paper regularly from the Post Office—whether directed in his name or another, or whether he has mislaid or not—is responsible for the pay.
2. If a person orders his paper discontinued, he must pay all arrears, or the publisher may continue to send it until payment is made, and collect the whole amount, whether the paper is taken from the office or not.
3. The courts have decided that refusing to take newspapers from the Post Office, or removing and leaving them uncollected, is prima facie evidence of intentional fraud.
News of the Week.
The congregation of the Plymouth church is among the creditors of the Brooklyn Trust Company to the amount of \$17,000.
The Farmers' Union, the agricultural organ of Minnesota, says if the wheat crop, the harvesting of which has commenced, is secured without mishap, Minnesota will have three million bushels of wheat for export.
The area of the eleven Territories exceeds that of all the States of the Union by 200,000 square miles. Colorado is big enough to make thirteen States as large as Massachusetts.
General Meyer, chief signal officer, has decided not to detail any of the aides of his office to accompany Professor Wise on his proposed balloon trip to Europe. Twenty volunteers.
It is stated that A. T. Stewart may sell his will previous to his departure for Europe, and that when the schedule of his real and personal estate was prepared, he found to his surprise that he was worth one hundred millions of dollars.
The forest fire on Long Island, after burning a tract about a mile in width from Lakeland to Patchogue was subdued on Friday. A number of farms and dwellings were destroyed, and every vestige of the hamlet of Ellenville obliterated.
It is now stated that Mills' estate will more than pay his Brooklyn Trust Company defalcations unless he was drawn in speculation about real estate. It is intimated that made use of Mills as a trustee, and that he was a ring among the directors, that made use of Mills as a trustee. It is announced that \$1,975,000 call loans of the Brooklyn Trust Company are being called in as rapidly as possible, and the company has in addition nine hundred thousand dollars of immediately available assets.
A delegation of prominent South Carolinians, now in Washington, has urged Attorney-General Williams to suspend all further prosecutions of Ku-Klux, and to use his influence with the President to have those serving terms of imprisonment pardoned. The Attorney-general replied that no further prosecutions would take place, except in aggravated cases, and it was the policy of the President to pardon all convicted Ku-Klux, but to pardon the least criminal first.
Extensive preparations have been made in Elmhurst for the National Teachers' Association, which is to meet there August 5 and continue in session three days.
The treaty between Russia and Khiva has been signed. The Khan agrees to pay Russia an indemnity of 2,000,000 roubles and abolish capital punishment. Russia guarantees the independence of the Khanate. Russian troops will occupy Khiva until the indemnity is paid. A portion of the territory of Khiva is to be given to Bokhara for assistance rendered the Russian troops.
Baltimore had a fire of six hours duration on Friday. The burned district is said to comprise ten blocks bounded by Mulberry, Liberty, Lexington and Howard streets; the loss is estimated at half a million.
The steamboat interest at St. Louis has been forwarded to Washington a remonstrance against building a bridge across the Mississippi at St. Louis, on the ground that if built in accordance with the original plans it will be a great obstruction to navigation.
Two Frenchmen fought a duel with rapiers at Wilkesbarre, on Tuesday. Both were skillful, the fight lasting over an hour, when one was wounded.
A delegation of German citizens called on Mayor Havemeyer, on Thursday, asking his attendance at a meeting to concert measures for removing all old world prejudices.
During the twenty-four hours ending Sunday morning Norfolk, Virginia, had been visited by five fires, in which the total loss is about \$90,000. The most intense excitement prevailed on Sunday, people thronged the streets, believing an organized plan for the destruction of the city was being carried out.
Senator Sherman has reconsidered and drawn his back pay. Sixteen Senators in all have returned their pay, making an aggregate of \$65,884.40. Representatives Foster, of Ohio, and W. D. Foster, of Michigan, have returned their back pay, making thirty-six Congressmen who have returned aggregating \$52,761.44.
At a meeting of Methodist ministers held in New York city, a lady applied for admission to the Theological Seminary in order to prepare herself for the ministry.
Thirty deaths from cholera occurred in St. Louis during the past week.
Twenty-two Chinese women, brought by steamer from Hong Kong, were sold at auction in the Chinese quarter of San Francisco on Monday. Young girls brought \$450, and middle-aged and old women from \$100 to \$200.
A surveying party on the Northern Pacific railroad has been driven in by a war party of Sioux two hundred miles north of Yankton. The Sioux claim they own the lands and will not permit them to be surveyed.
Brigham Young's seventeenth wife has commenced suit for \$200,000—\$1,000 a month during the trial of the case and \$20,000 counsel fees.
The colonial government of Queensland, Australia, offers to pay the passage of ten thousand skilled English laborers to settle in that colony.
Bismarck has granted permission to the Good Templars to establish lodges in Germany.
The republicans of Bristol, England, have issued a manifesto against increasing the allowance of the Duke of Edinburgh on the occasion of his marriage to the Grand Duchess Marie of Russia.

He is a man who has traveled. Men now in business at the West are in general older than the States where they live and so must have traveled. Not one in six of the Nebraskaans was born in Nebraska. No Westerner perhaps has voyaged as far as Bayard Taylor, and some few other Easterners. But western travelers are more multitudinous. Of eighteen Americans who chartered a Cairo steamer to go up the Nile in 1868, ten resided in Detroit or west of it. The proportion would be larger to day. In a western village you always find those who before settling have roved over half a dozen States. But in New England you constantly encounter those who were never out of their native county. Twenty years ago there lived in South Danvers, Mass., one Miss Eiden, near a hundred years old. During the century of her pilgrimage, so far from journeying to Philadelphia or even New York she had never been in Boston, though born within thirteen miles from it. Her most distant expedition had been five and one half miles to Marblehead. She had been there only once, and that for the purpose of having the small pox, some years before the Revolutionary war. It will be long before the West can show such a phenomenon, "fixed like a plant to one peculiar spot."

All the better for the West. Each man there finds what he can do best, if not in one place, then in another. Along the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad in Nebraska, there are many who have bought land on long credit, and are developing them into grain and stock farms with their earnings in Wisconsin lumber camps, California diggings, or while freighting to Colorado and Montana. It speaks well for Nebraska, that legions flock there to make a start from so many quarters where they earned money to make a start with. Nebraska is for farmers, and farmers for Nebraska.

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Special attention given to
Horse Shoeing and Ox Shoeing.
Mr. Pickens has the only convenience for shoeing in this vicinity. Terms low. Work well done and no unnecessary delay by waiting, as Mr. Pickens intends to be at his shop constantly.
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The undersigned having filled his store with a choice selection of paper consisting of
Gilt Paper
LIGHT AND DARK.
SATIN PAPER,
A large assortment.
Common Paper!
The largest and best assorted ever offered to the people of Mexico and vicinity.
All paper bought of me will be
Trimmed
Of Charge.

You need not go to Oswego to get suited, but call at
L. L. VIRGIL'S,
No. 4, Phoenix Block,
Mexico, April 9, 1873.

MEXICO MARKETS.
The following are the prices paid for farmers produce, etc., in this market:
Flour, (retail) Sprg \$3.00, red \$2.00, white \$1.75
Meal, 1/2 cwt, (retail) 1.30
Corn, 1/2 cwt, (retail) .60
Oats, 1/2 cwt, (retail) .23 @ .25
Butter, 1/2 cwt, (retail) .20 @ .22
Cheese, 1/2 cwt, (retail) .10 @ .12
Lard, 1/2 cwt, (retail) .10 @ .12
Eggs, 1/2 doz, (retail) .18
Beef, 1/2 lb, (retail) .06 @ .16
Beef, 1/2 cwt, (retail) .05 @ .08
Mutton, 1/2 cwt, (retail) .08 @ .10
Pork, 1/2 barrel, (retail) .07 @ .09
Pork (cured), 1/2 lb, (retail) .04 @ .06
Apples, (dried), 1/2 lb, (retail) .09 @ .15
Dried Poultry, 1/2 lb, (retail) .10 @ .12
Potatoes, 1/2 bush, (retail) .50 @ .60

MORTGAGE SALE.—By virtue of a mortgage bearing date the 31st day of November, 1868, George R. Newcomb, of the county of Madison, and state of New York, conveyed unto Lorenz Sloom, of the town of Palermo, county of Oswego, and state aforesaid, certain premises known and described in said indenture as follows, to wit:
All that tract or parcel of land situate in the town of Palermo, and state aforesaid, being part of sub-division lot No. six, of grant lot No. eleven (11) of Cortlandt, made in the fourth township of Scriba's patent, and bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stake in the north-west corner of said sub-division lot six, and running thence south thirty-five degrees thirty minutes east, (S. 35° 30' E.) along the north line of said lot, six, lot six (6) 7 chains and fifty (50) links to a stake, thence south twenty-two (22) chains and sixty-six links to the center of the road, thence north forty degrees and fifty minutes east, (N. 40° 50' E.) along the center of the said road, seven chains fifty links (7 ch 50 links) to the west line of said lot six, thence north twenty-four degrees and twenty minutes east, (N. 24° 20' E.) along said line nineteen chains and forty-two links (19 ch 42 links) to the place of beginning, containing fifteen and one hundredths (15 1/100) acres of land, as surveyed by Nelson B. Everts, December 26th, 1863, as appears by his said certificate, hereby referred to as forming a part hereof.
Said mortgage, with the power of sale therein contained, was duly recorded in the County of Oswego County, on the 8th day of June, 1870, at 9 o'clock a. m., in Book 88 of mortgages, at page 10, and examined.
Lorenz Sloom to William R. Parkhurst, who is now the legal owner and holder thereof.
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HOME AND COUNTY.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Those of our subscribers who find their papers at the Mexico Post-office, can have them at our office by notifying us, and thus save postage. Those who prefer to receive their papers at the Post-office will have the satisfaction of knowing that they are helping Uncle Sam to the amount of five cents per quarter.

Town of Mexico.

Mr. Editor:—In writing of this town properly, we should say she was the mother of towns, and even more of counties; that is, it included $\frac{1}{2}$ of Oswego Co., as at present, one half of Lewis and Jefferson counties, and almost 4 towns in Oneida county.

When we look at the old town originally, we behold a large tract of country, mostly a forest, where the wild beasts roamed in their ferocity, and the inhabitants but few, scattered and far between.

The records show that the town was formed from Whitestown as a part of Herkimer Co., April 10, 1792; that county having been formed from Montgomery Co. the year previous.

The town of Mexico, it is said, had no formation; the 2d being in 1796. No territory was taken off under the first formation, and in fact none under the 2d until the year 1799.

Mexico of 1796 was bounded by Oneida Lake, Oneida and Oswego Rivers, Lake Ontario, and the Black River up as far as Lyons Falls, or near that point, and then by a line between the present towns of Leyden and West Turin, in Lewis Co., through the town of Lewis, in said Co., to Fish Creek, and down that stream to Oneida Lake.

The town of Canada, Oneida Co., was taken out in 1799. This was the first. Watowaga and Champlain in Jefferson Co., Lowellville and Turin in Lewis Co., and Redfield, in this county, in 1800. Next followed Loraine in Jefferson Co., and Williamstown in this county, in 1804. Then came Fredericksburgh, (afterward Volney) in 1806. Next we find Constantia in 1808; New Haven in 1813, and Parish in 1828.

The early records of the town of Mexico were lost during the year 1797, while being carried from the present limits of the town to Watertown. The party who had them in charge were obliged to camp out in the woods over night, and in starting off the next morning they were accidentally left behind. When missed the party returned for them without success, and in this way it is said the records were lost. For this reason we shall have to begin no farther back than 1798 in tracing the records of the town.

In that year the Town Meeting was held at Rotterdam, (now Constantia), and the following named persons were elected to the different offices in the then great town of Mexico.

Supervisor—John Meyer.
Town Clerk—Benjamin Wright.
Assessors—John W. Bloomfield, Amos Mathews, Benjamin Gilbert and Luke Mason.

Collector—Solomon Waring.
Poor Masters—Solomon Waring and Reuben Hamilton.

Com. Highways—John W. Bloomfield, Reuben Hamilton and Samuel Jarvis.
Constables—Abner Mathews, Jared Shepard, Andrew Bissett and Abram Van Valkenburgh.

Overseers of Roads—Henry Fall, Chipman Wheaton, Amos Mathews and Benjamin Gilbert.

Pound Master—Henry Fall.
Fence Viewers—Henry Fall and Amos Mathews.

Com. of Schools—Samuel Rogers, John Meyer and Benjamin Wright.

In 1799 Town Meeting was held at Luke Mason's, near Salmon Creek; in 1800 at Benj. Winch's, at the mouth of said creek; in 1801 at Solomon Waring's, in Rotterdam; in 1802 there was no town meeting, and the officers were appointed by the Justices, Messrs. Hamilton, Wood and Bloomfield, who are the first named on record. The next year Benjamin Wright was added to the list of Justices. It will be proper here to say that under the first constitution, extending up to 1821, the Justices were appointed by the Governor and Council, once at least in every three years.

The town meetings were all held within the present limits of the town of Mexico, excepting the two years of 1798 and 1801.

John Meyer held the office of Supervisor only one year. The next was Reuben Hamilton with 5 years service. The third was Jonathan Parkhurst one year. The fourth Calvin Tiffany one year, and then followed David Burnham with eleven years. Elias Brewster, Peter Pratt and Seabury A. Tuller served 7 years each. Joseph W. Houghton, John M. Richardson, Bradley Higgins and William J. Menter 4 years each. No others excepting those above mentioned have held the office over two years. There have been 27 Supervisors in all.

Of Town Clerk's there have been 26, of whom Elias Brewster served 13 years, Phineas Davis and Star Clark 8 years each; James S. Chandler 7 years; Geo. W. Pruntye 5 years; Rufus Tiffany 4 years; Orrin D. Whitney, Henry M. Bard and Solomon Alexander 3 years each, and no others over two years.

Of the Supervisors and Town Clerks, 13 of each held the office only one year. I might extend this civil list in a higher grade, with reference to some of the above named, but the article is already, no doubt, too long for your patience.

F. W. Squires.
North Volney, July 25, 1873.

[We shall be glad to receive further communications from our correspondent concerning Mexico or any other town in the county.—Ed.]

NOTICE.—The undersigned, on account of ill-health, and needing out-door exercise, will close his Picture Gallery till the first of September next, Mondays excepted.
H. C. BEALS.
Mexico, July 30, 1873.

POISONED.—We learn that six members of Mr. S. G. Merriam's family, of New Haven, were poisoned yesterday from eating mushrooms. Last night, we were glad to learn that she is much better this morning, as well as the other sick ones.

Dr. Bradbury and Johnson of this village, and Dr. Rockwell, of New Haven, were in attendance.

Deaf-Mute Service.

The service held Sunday evening in Grace (Episcopal) church, by Rev. Thomas Gallaudet, D. D., Rector of St. Ann's Church for Deaf-Mutes, N. Y., was well attended and quite interesting. The usual evening service was read by the Rector, Rev. Geo. H. Watson, and translated by Dr. Gallaudet to the mutes.

The holy rite of baptism was administered to an infant son of Mr. Lawrence N. Jones, of Richmond.

Dr. Gallaudet explained the mute sign system to the hearing portion of the congregation, saying that as words were the signs of ideas, and not ideas themselves, so the word signs are representatives of ideas, and as easily understood by the mute as articulated sounds are by us; the arrangement is different, though, in the sign language, the substantive is placed first, then the modifiers, and last the verb. He then spoke for a short time to the mutes, urging those who were in the right path to continue on, and counseling those who were not, to seek the "pearl of great price." And closed with a few remarks concerning the origin and progress of the Mission to Deaf-Mutes, and the Home in New York for Aged and Infirm Deaf-Mutes.

The "children of silence" have in Dr. Gallaudet an earnest and eloquent advocate, and we are sure that they appreciate his labors of love.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Society will give another Social at the Lecture-room, Friday evening, Aug. 8th. An enjoyable time is expected.

Real Estate Sales.

Henry F. Parsons to Julia A. Smith, 25 acres in Palermo, \$875; January, 1872.

Francis W. Osterhout to Cortes C. Eddy, nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ acre in Palermo, \$1,500; July, 1873.

Lewis M. Smith to Cortes C. Eddy, 51-100 of an acre in Mexico, \$1,700; August, 1872.

William B. Parkhurst to D. S. Kelliott, 36 acres in Hastings, \$720; May, 1872.

Uri Salisbury to Mason Salisbury, undivided one-third of 14 acres in Albion, \$125; July, 1873.

James A. Smith to Cornelia A. Grant 6-10 of an acre in Hastings, \$350; March 1873.

Jacob Minckler to Helen O. Hess, lot in Hastings, \$500; April, 1871.

Jacob Minckler to Leander F. Hess, 13 acres in Hastings, \$325; June, 1872.

John F. Row to James Row, 27 70-100 acres in Parish, \$1,500 and other considerations; July, 1873.

Reuben Bourne to Adeline Bourne, 84-100 of an acre in Redfield, \$750; October, 1869.

Nelson Smith to Adeline Bourne, 3 21-100 acres in Redfield, \$310; January 1873.

James M. Minor to Sewell T. Estes, 53 acres in Redfield, \$300; June, 1872.

Margaret Wood to James J. Coit, 44 square rods in Central Square, \$55.62; May, 1873.

Charles L. Prodoliet to Eli Bennett, 4 66-100 acres in Albion, \$233; April 1872.

Julius Grenier to William Mosher, 30 6-10 acres in Palermo, \$875; August, 1869.

THE CAMDEN ADVANCE.—The first number of this paper, published by Walter C. Stone, late publisher of the Camden Herald, came to us on Thursday, and, neat as it is, we have no doubt it will present a still handsomer appearance in the course of a week or two. The difficulties attendant upon sending forth the first issue are only known to publishers, and knowing as we do, Mr. Stone's taste, ability and energy, we feel sure that he will make his paper good and popular.

PLEASANT POINT.—Is becoming more and more popular as a resort for pleasure-seekers, and no wonder, for it is indeed a charming place, and its enterprising and genial proprietor, Capt. Nichols, does everything possible to promote the enjoyment of those who visit his grounds. His table his excellent, his grounds are very neat, kept, his boats are first-rate, and his prices quite moderate.

THE GEM FRUIT JAR at 34 WADSWORTH'S.

ICE CREAM ON THURSDAYS.—In accordance with their custom during last summer, the ladies of the Universalist society will serve ice-cream, either by the plate or quantity, at the basement of the Universalist church, between the hours of 4 and 9 o'clock p. m., every Thursday. 34

WEED SEWING MACHINE.—No one that studies his own interest should buy a sewing machine until he has tried the new Weed Machine, which may be seen at L. L. Virgil's Book Store. Don't fail to see it before buying elsewhere. 373

CHRIST CHURCH (Universalist).—Regular services every Sunday, at 2 o'clock p. m. All are invited. Seats free. Rev. James Vincent, Pastor.

DOWN, DOWN, DOWN.

To a remarkably low price. L. G. Ballard is selling the Gem Jar at 15c; the half gallon at 20c.

A correspondent of the Sandy Creek News says: "Boats are seen daily along the Sandy road. One night last week they killed two sheep belonging to one Smith; since then he has been obliged to put his sheep up nights in strong pens. They are making great havoc among the pigeon beds in that vicinity; they eat off the corn, dig up the beds, tear down the stands, and scare away all the pigeons. They have broken up a large flock belonging to Lemuel Chase. 'Lem' has caught between 300 and 400 dozen pigeons this season, and thinks he can capture 'old bruis'."

The Rome correspondent of the Utica Herald tells this: "A story is told of a flour dealer at Oswego, who gave his workman a barrel of flour on the occasion of a pair of twins being born unto the workman—the flour dealer remarking that he would give to that workman a barrel of flour on the occurrence of every such event. That promise has cost the flour dealer five barrels of flour within the past five years."

THE WAR OF 1612.

Recollections of the Battle of Sandy Creek.

BY J. M. STURDEVANT, M. D.

The United States authorities had a large quantity of war material at Oswego, on Lake Ontario, consisting of heavy guns, field pieces, shot, cables, cordage, canvas, &c., which they wished to send to Sacket's Harbor, for the large ships at that place. The property being placed aboard of twenty-four flat-bottomed sail boats, the fleet left Oswego under the command of Lieutenant Woolsey, of the U. S. Navy, and reached the mouth of Sandy Creek Saturday night. Unfortunately, owing to the darkness and some confusion, the fleet had sailed into the midst of the British squadron anchored off Sandy Creek, and two boat loads were captured before they became fully aware of their danger. However, the other boats set sail and moved up the creek to shallow water, where they moved in a place of safety. In order to have a correct idea of the battle which resulted, it would be well to note the following topographical points:

In looking down the stream, on its right bank opposite our boats, was a long, level plain extending half a mile to a piece of thick woodland which skirted this bank of the stream, and extended off to the right, to the marsh. At the lower edge of this piece of wood there was a huge fence made of brush; below this a level tract of pasture land terminating in the marsh.

On Sunday, June 5th, 1814, an alarm was sent through the town, warning every man and boy to hasten to the landing, for the British were coming. Well, we all turned out, some with guns, some with guns without locks, some with locks without flints, others with pitchforks, &c. A motley throng—backwoodsmen, hunters, trappers and boys, a sorry looking crowd to fight British regulars.

The British did not appear that day. At evening I went home feeling sad enough, but as I went I met a troop of cavalry under Captain Harris, of the United States army, a regiment of riflemen under command of Major Appling, a company of artillery with two brass guns and a company of marines. These were on the way to "the front," to defend our property. Major Appling stationed his forces as follows: The artillery at the head of the lane near our boats, so as to sweep the bank of the creek for a quarter of a mile; the cavalry in the open field beside the artillery; the riflemen were secreted behind the brush fence at the lower edge of the woods, and the Indians (the Oneidas) were behind the fence further to the right of the riflemen. The militia men were posted on the bank of the stream in the woods and bushes. Thus arranged with admirable military skill, the American forces lay in wait for the British.

Monday, the 6th, was a bright, beautiful morning. The air was balmy, and stillness sat upon the stream, marsh and woods. About sunrise the British expedition entered the creek. A heavy cannonading shook the forest, and the expedition was soon visible. It consisted of about ten or twelve gunboats, heavily armed and manned by some five hundred picked British regulars commanded by Major Popping. A half was ordered, and an inspection was made with a spy glass of the condition of things at the landing. Not a man, however, was to be seen. Nothing but the American flag proudly floated in the breeze above the masts.

Said Major Popping, "I will show those Yankees a trick," and ordered another broadside from his fleet, sending shot and shell among the trees which did some damage to timber, and that was all so far. The order to advance was then given. In a moment their canvas was spread and all sail set. The bands of music filled the air with lively strains, and slowly they moved up the creek.

Their gay uniforms—red coats, gilt buttons and white belts—and the bright guns and bayonets gleaming in the morning sun, gave a splendid appearance as they approached the American lines. Another halt and a survey of the situation. The hard ground reached, the troops were landed, a line of battle formed on the level pasture land, and they advanced towards the woods. The boats moving alongside kept up a continuous fire. When they had approached within eight rods of the brush fence, Major Appling gave the order to fire along the whole line and a thousand rifle and musket balls were let loose and tore through the British ranks. The red coats dropped to the ground like apples shaken from a tree in October. The exchange of a few shots served to put them in utter confusion. At this time our Indians poured in a murderous fire, and rushing from behind the brush set up their war whoops and hideous yells in true savage style.

The British, routed and confounded, threw down their arms and begged for quarter. Many of them, after flinging away their guns, took to their heels and fled for the marsh, hoping to reach the lake shore. They were pursued, however, by the Indians and slain with the tomahawk. Others plunged into the creek, gained the opposite shore, and ran off to the marsh; these, too, were followed up by the savages and shared the fate of the others. After the fight I saw several soldiers whose heads had thus been cleft by the tomahawk.

The boats were all captured, and the troops were killed or taken prisoners. Not a man escaped to carry the sad tidings to Commander Yeo, on board the British fleet.

In fifteen minutes the tumult of battle was ended, and the silence was broken by the groans of the wounded and dying. I noticed a little incident which I will never forget: Among the wounded was a huge negro as black as an ace of spades, who was rolling on the ground and groaning at a fearful rate. Being asked if he was wounded, he said, "Yes, I am almost killed." "Where are your wounds?" was the next question. He replied, "I am hurt so bad that I cannot tell where I am hurt the worst." His clothing was then stripped off and his body examined. It was a ruin; he was not hurt at all. A few sharp words from an officer, and a few applications of the toe of his boot, brought the negro to his feet, who dressed himself and took his place in the ranks with the prisoners.

The dead were tenderly handled, carefully washed and laid out on the green grass. Religious services were then held and they were buried before sunset. The prisoners were kindly treated, well fed and marched off to Sacket's Harbor, and I observed the huge negro could march as well as the best of them. The casualties on our side were but few: One Indian wounded in the thigh, and a rifleman struck by a ball in the pelvis—I believe proved fatal. Our property was taken to Sacket's Harbor by land, drawn by teams. One large cable was carried to the Harbor on the shoulders of men. It required some two or three hundred men for this purpose, and they had a hard job at that.—*Rome Sentinel.*

PARISH.

Last Monday Supervisor Foley and Assessors Thayer and Burnette went to Oswego to see the State Assessors. We think they valued our town too high in comparison to what the officers of Mexico valued theirs. The best third of Mexico was valued at \$45, per acre, ours at \$25 per acre. Wonder if they think the S. N. R. R. decreases the value of their farms. At this rate Parish will soon be a head of Mexico.

Mr. J. C. Wain has leased his store to C. D. Edick & Co. Mercantile business will be continued in the store. After four years of wandering the Post Office has found home again. Charlie has not put on airs yet, but they are making calculations of making some grand demonstrations are long.

Parish is lengthening her cords, and strengthening her stakes. We are soon to have a new highway from Spicer's saw mill to the village, passing through Mr. A. Thomas' land. Some days since a jury list of the town, in accordance to a recent law, consisting of 24 persons, the jury convened at the Town Clerk's office last Tuesday, and being sworn by Justice Edick, and selecting Jonathan Irish as their foreman, they proceeded to view the proposed highway. After viewing they returned to the village, and partaking of a sumptuous dinner served up in Captain Boyd's best style, they proceeded to the Town Hall to deliberate. After mature deliberations they came to the conclusion, with only one exception, that the road should be laid out. Fortunately the jury was composed of representative men from all over the town, who could comprehend the town's necessities and advantages, and men, too, who study economy. A remonstrance signed by many respectable citizens, was sent to the jury urging them not to lay out the road. We believe these citizens will soon see the day that they will honor the jury for their wise conclusions. It was too much for the village to say to such men as Messrs. Irish, Spicer and others, "We don't want you, you cost too much." No, no, we want them, we want them to feel as if their interests are identified with ours; we want them among us, and so we shorten their distance to us by over one-half mile. Mr. Thomas was present on Tuesday last. His propositions were not quite so liberal as we think they ought to be, yet we do not attribute them to the innate emotions of the heart, but perhaps his surroundings may have an important effect, and so deter him from being more liberal. People do not wish to lose caste with their neighbors. *Grabbing* is not a prominent word in our vocabulary; but *grabbing* is very prominent; we understand it perfectly; we practice it thoroughly; our bread and butter is all depending upon our understanding of this next and elevated art. When Mr. Thomas fully elevated our lexiconography everything will be right. The letter is much more elegant and sonorous in the word "grab," than the letter a is in "grab." Grab is an awful bad word now-a-days. The jury served for the enormous sum of 50 cents a day. Had they been *grabbers* they would have raised their salaries.

Opp.

Assessors' Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Assessors of the town of Mexico have completed their assessment roll for the present year, and that a copy thereof is left with the undersigned, Lyman Robbins, at his dwelling house, in said town, where the same may be seen and examined by any of the inhabitants of said town, during twenty days from the date of this notice. And that the said Assessors will meet at Empire Hall, said town, on the 19th day of August next, at 9 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll, on the application of any person conceiving himself aggrieved.—Dated Mexico, the 22nd day of July, 1873.

S. B. FORD,
C. L. DENNIS,
LYMAN ROBBINS,
Assessors of the Town of Mexico.

For One Dollar Cash.

Any of the following articles: Sixteen Bars of Good Soap. Eight pounds of Best Layer Raisins. Five Cans Baltimore Peaches. Five Cans of Fresh Tomatoes. Five Good Brooms. Thirteen pounds George's Bank Cod. Ten pounds Good Rice. Four pounds Good Roasted Rio Coffee. Four gallons XXX Kerosene Oil. Also, just received a small invoice of about TEN TONS of those CHEAP SUGARS, which I am bound to sell at a little cheaper than any other man in AMERICA.

E. H. WADSWORTH,
37th Empire Block.

August Flower.

The most miserable beings in the world are those suffering from Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint.

More than seventy-five per cent. of the people in the United States are afflicted with these two diseases and their effect, such as sour stomach, sick headache, habitual constiveness, impure blood, heartburn, waterbrash, gnawing and burning pains at the pit of the stomach, yellow skin, coated tongue and disagreeable taste in the mouth, coming up of the food after eating, low spirits, &c. Go to the Drug Store of John C. Taylor and get a 75 cent bottle, or a sample bottle free of charge. Try it.

C. W. Snow & Co.,
Wholesale Agents, Syracuse, N. Y.

The Sandy Creek News says: "The R. W. & R. R. Co. are constructing a new bridge over the south fork of Sandy Creek, at Giddings' settlement. This has long been needed, as the old one has been in an unsafe condition for some time past. Mr. Stitts, the boss bridge builder, has charge of the matter, which fact is a sure guarantee of safety for the company and the traveling public, at that point."

Go and see Ballard's Refrigerator, made for the express benefit of his customers. There you will always find the very best of Butter. 38.

Two Menageries in Town.

It may not be known to many of our readers that Mexico can boast of two menageries. One is owned by "Old Man" Barker, and consists of rats, cats, cranes, snakes, woodchucks, &c. It was opened yesterday, for the first time, and was well attended by our business men and others. It is reported that "Squire Cole, S. L. Alexander, and Amos Thomas have some funds invested in it. The procession was quite imposing."

The other menagerie is owned by Mr. John Borland, and consists of a learned pig, six or eight hair snakes (the progeny of a cricket), and a man that can split a hair seven times with a razor. We congratulate our friend Borland on having secured so fine a collection of animals and reptiles, and trust he will find his menagerie remunerative. We learn that his show opens to-day, and that he will keep it open as long as it pays.—Admission 10 cents.

Two Promising Young Men.

There is a young man in our office who received the "mitten" seven times, but being of a hopeful turn of mind, and remembering the song which says:

"If you don't at first succeed,
Try, try again."

he is not at all discouraged, and is in hopes of winning some Sarah Jane before the close of the present year. There is also another tender-hearted, sympathetic young man in this office, who seems to be much troubled at the lonely condition of a certain young lady of this village; and tells her to take courage, and that "she shall not be an old maid if he can help it." It is needless to add that our sympathetic young man is very industrious just now, and is saving all his spare pennies. We expect he will be asking for an increase of wages before long.

P. S. Both young men want a number of extra papers this week.

Literary Notices.

THE ALDINE FOR AUGUST—Is sure its readers to charm with its beautiful and seasonable illustrations, as well as with its literary contents. A full-page marine view opens the number, from the pencil of one of our great painters of water scenes. It is a truthful sketch of what may be seen almost any day on Long Island Sound. Mr. F. T. Vance, who has made the region a study, contributes a series of original pictures of the grand Adirondack mountains and lakes, which are very timely, as that region is now full of pleasure seekers. There is a page-picture of "Lake Codrus," one of "Avalanche Lake," another of "Calamity Pond Brook," and a charming one of "Flume Falls of the Opalescence"—four fine views from the proposed great National Park. A full-page picture illustrates a poem called "A Good God." The remaining illustrations are all fine works of art. The literary contents of the Aldine keep pace with its gems of art, and are this month unusually interesting. There are delightful stories. The miscellaneous articles are "Across the Atlantic in an Old Liner," "Old New-England Traits," "Nature's Forest Volume," and a very amusing article called "Press-Oddities." Music, Art, and Literature receive, each, careful attention. The poems in this number are, "Found Wanting," "An uncollected Sonnet of Edgar A. Poe," "On the River," "A Good God." Subscription price \$5, including Chronos "Village Belle" and "Crossing the Moor." James Sutton & Co., publishers, 58 Maiden Lane.

SCRIBNER'S MONTHLY.—Bret Harte begins in the August number his new story "An Episode of Fiddletown," promised last fall. This story, for which the publishers paid Mr. Harte \$1,000, probably the highest price ever paid for any story of its length, will run through three numbers of the magazine, ending in October. Mr. Froude will begin in November a series of historical papers entitled Annals of an English Abbey. Arthur Bonnicastle, Dr. Holland's serial, will be concluded in Scribner's for October. It will be published in book form simultaneously in New York and London, early in September. A competent critic says of it: "No work destined to be as favorably received, and as extensively read as this, has appeared since Mr. Stowe published her famous Uncle Tom's Cabin."

ARTHUR'S ILLUSTRATED HOME MAGAZINE.—The August number is full as ever of good things. It contains pleasant stories, spicy papers, a good deal of solid information, and is richly illustrated. The various departments, the Mother's, Boy's and Girl's, Flora and Editor's are well sustained. An excellent magazine, we say. Published by T. S. Arthur & Son, Philadelphia, Pa.

THE CHILDREN'S HOUR.—For August, has attractive pictures and pleasant reading for the young. The editor, T. S. Arthur, writes for it largely, and nothing goes into its pages without his careful supervision. It is a most desirable publication for little ones, who anxiously wait its coming. T. S. Arthur & Son, Publishers, Philadelphia, Pa.

PETERS' MUSICAL MONTHLY.—No. 72 is to hand, and contains the following selections of New Music: Lost and Cast Away. Song and Chorus, Hays. My Love Comes Home to-night. Densley. Will he Come Home to-night? Song, Danks. My Dear Old Mother. Song & Chorus, Stewart. Hear the Postilion. Duet. Alker. Bertie's Schottische. Becht. An Instrumental Piece. Kinkel. Golden Hours. Morceau de Salon, Wilson.

You can secure the above pieces of New Music by sending 30c. For No. 72 Peters' Musical Monthly; or the last eight numbers will be sent you, post-paid, for \$2. Address, J. L. Peters, 599 Broadway, New York.

"The Farmers' and People's Anti-Monopoly Party of Livingston county, Illinois," circulate their platform of principles by means of postal cards, on which they have it printed. The declaration declares that "the organization is opposed to railroad steals, tariff steals, salary-grab steals, bank steals, and every other form of thieving by which the farmer and laboring classes are robbed of the legitimate fruits of their labor." We are indebted to our friend, Frank J. Webb, of Iowa City, Ia., for one of these cards.

SEWING MACHINE FOR SALE.—The undersigned offers for sale an Improved American Sewing Machine, as good as new. It cost \$65, but will be sold for \$45. MRS. CLARISSA WHITNEY,
Mexico, July 30, 1873.

BRIEFS.

—Rev. J. P. Stratton left town on Monday to spend his vacation with friends in the East and South.

—Mr. J. McKinley is making additions to his tannery—an evidence of prosperity we are pleased to witness.

—Rev. A. Parks Burgess has been in town a day or two, and will speak on Temperance, at Parish, to-morrow night.

—The Amboy Center Sunday-school held its first concert Sunday evening, the 13th.

—H. H. Barber has sold his interest in the Furniture and Agricultural store to Francis Osterhout.

—The Oswego Falls Fair, this year, will commence Tuesday, September 23d, and continue four days.

—We were glad to see "Uncle" Levi Mitchell riding out last Monday, after his long confinement of sixteen months.

—The ballroom at Alexandria Bay, last Thursday, was made by Prof. Squires, instead of Nellie Thurston, who was ill.

—W. O. Johnson is building a packing house, and intends going West in a few weeks to buy large quantities of pork.

—Ladies wear their belt buckles behind, to aggravate their friends when they turn around to look after them as they pass.

—We learn that the picnic aid of the Catholic church in Colosse was largely attended, and that a handsome sum was realized.

—Utica is to have a case of civil damage where a woman will sue to recover a fine of \$6 paid by her husband for getting drunk.

—There will be an excursion, Wednesday, August 6, from Pulaski to the Oneida Community, under the auspices of the Ringgold Fire company.

—T. J. Temple is making valuable improvements to his house. He is an industrious and enterprising man, and deserves a nice residence.

—We are informed that the new Methodist bell is of greater weight than that given us last week; that it attracts the earth with a force of 1,890 lbs.

—Mr. Hiram W. Slack has returned from the West and, we understand, intends to take up his residence again at his old home.

—The opening of the Thousand Island House at Alexandria Bay, on Thursday last, was a grand affair, and about five thousand people were present.

—Among the names of persons from Oswego county who attended the State Teachers' Association, at Utica, we find that of Com. Ladd of this village.

—At the State Teacher's Association, Ex-Commissioner D. D. Metcalf read the "Report of the Committee to present a plan for organizing and grading the schools of the State."

—H. J. Carey, Esq., a prominent resident of Oswego County, has been appointed Railroad Commissioner of the Lake Ontario Shore Railroad, for Oswego town, in place of B.

DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL.

Devoted to the Interests of the Deaf-Mutes of the State of New York.

"Deaf-Mute Conventions, Associations and Newspapers."

Dr. Edward M. Gallaudet's paper in the July *Annals* has already drawn forth editorial replies and sundry private views. The *Advocate* has a long-winded criticism, which, if the reader can wade through and come out alive, he may consider himself lucky. The *Silent World* restricts itself to a few remarks which though brief, are sensible. Others may follow in turn, and it is supposable that there will be a general buzz among the small fry of the "deaf-mute" correspondents.

To us Dr. Gallaudet's paper was very readable. He evidently knows a good deal about the deaf and dumb, and has doubtless written in a very kind spirit, condemning only what he thinks injurious to their welfare. It often happens in this life of ours that a man don't know what is good for him, and to the sensible among us, the well meant advice of an interested friend is hailed with gratitude and oftentimes followed with profit. For ourselves, we are always ready and willing to receive advice, we will not weigh and consider it but we will not promise to follow it. A pretty little we should read, were we to follow all the advice given us. So, without in any way compromising ourselves, we grant our friends a careful consideration of all the advice they may give.

The learned doctor says that we should not associate with another mute, for it retards his improvement. He should associate with hearing and speaking persons, then he will improve. A fine theory, truly, but it is hardly consistent with the facts. For if we are to accept the theory, we must do away with our Institutions for the instruction of the deaf, and educate them in the common schools. We are aware that in the common schools, and to the conclusion that gatherings of mutes in convention, union, and the expression of their ideas in newspapers of their own, is great injury, but it strikes us that the former conclusion is the one that should result from the premises. But when we remember that the doctor is the head of the National Deaf-Mute College, we are pretty sure that he has no more idea of dismissing his little flock to the common schools and academies of the country than he has of starting a company to colonize the moon. No! we believe he would rather see his theory blown to the winds than to inaugurate a moment, his class of two seniors transferred, one to Yale and the other to Columbia.

The conventions which Dr. Gallaudet condemns afford us opportunities for sundry observations. We meet, there, men whom we have known in school, and who have substantial positions miles away from their Alma Mater. They live in a portion of the country inhabited by no other mute, and from one year's end to another, they have no opportunity of association with one of their own class. So, if they associate with people at all, and it is presumable they do, their associates are hearing and speaking folks. We remember the state of their intellectual calibre at the time we were school-mates, and an hour's conversation fails to disclose much progress one way or the other. Now how can the learned doctor account for this? No associations with other mutes have been in his back, and mingling with hearing and speaking persons has failed to improve them. On the other hand, we know a mute whose parents are both deaf and dumb. In school he was bright and intelligent and learned well. He left and went home and worked with his father on his farm. Of course this mute found his principal associates among the members of his family, and whatever may have been the society he frequented, it is evident that the mute stock largely predominated. Yet we met him at one of these "deaf-mute conventions" and it was clear he had improved since we last saw him. We received letters from him and we could see his intellect had improved since he left school. This mute was gifted with a bright mind and he had a something intelligence, and it would be something more than mere assertion to say that he had improved, would improve without any particular regard being paid to the circumstances in which they are placed.

When we were little, we often heard the remark, "just as the twig is bent, the tree is inclined." Just so. The intelligent mute in school learns rapidly; he chooses his own associates, and those associates are the most intelligent of his class. Intelligent themselves, they become more intelligent together. Disbanding their group, and casting their lots in a community of hearing persons, they associate with the intelligent of that community. Of course they improve, but not markedly more so than they would, had they never disbanded. The case of the bright ones is exactly the reverse. They choose a lower grade of association in school, and they keep it up throughout life. It is meeting with conversation with this class of mutes which has, doubtless, given birth to the supposition that whatever faults are perceptible in them, are caused by "deaf-mute" conventions, reunions and newspapers.

To our mind it does no harm for the mutes to assemble in Convention once in two or three years, no harm, be we understood, as far as the mental use of signs and the manual alphabet is concerned. If bad habits are paraded, and bad examples set at such gatherings, in the moral aspect, it is a matter of deep regret, but heaven knows that out in the world the mutes must daily see sights more degrading and examples more vile.

It is true that in practical results, our Conventions have as yet little or nothing to show. Were they to be proved of real benefit, perhaps the learned doctor would modify his censure. We would not be understood as treating with hearing persons as if they were fellow-men. But we object to making a law to keep them forever there. If they have the opportunity of associating with kindred mutes, let them associate. If they have a convention to attend, let them attend. It can do them little if any harm. In their school-day time they have so much deaf-mute company that they are almost literally starved for any subsequent association.

Journalism among the deaf and dumb is yet in its infancy. There may be a system in embryo, but as yet it is imperfect. If we have made mountains of blunders, we have yet, in some few instances, let us hope, done mole hills of good. The fault, and we concede there is much fault, is in the system, and not in the newspaper itself. Let us then

doctor this system; let us apply a blister here and there; let us give it a pill or two; then let us rub it with ammonia, and put it to bed with a teaspoon of soothing syrup. But merely because it is diseased, are we to stab it and bury it forever? No! we shall not!

We thank the learned doctor for calling our attention to the state of things in our convention and newspaper system, and we assure him we will look around and remedy abuses as well as we can.

(Editorial Correspondence of the Journal.)
Bite of All Sorts.

My DEAR READER—Were you ever in Aurora? I guess not, and not having been there, you of course have no idea what sort of place it is. Don't deceive yourself, or imagine it is a city. It is no such thing; it is not even a town, and nothing but a little village of about 500 inhabitants. Yet it is finely situated on the eastern bank of Cayuga Lake, and hid in the sparkling waters of this lake there are thousands upon thousands of the finny tribe. The situation is most salubrious, and it is one of the most healthy places in the State. Compared with New York city, it has about the same appearance as a fly would have beside an elephant, yet it is in this very contrast that its attraction as a summer residence lies. Things which are priceless, and which no amount of money has yet been able to buy, and which in the city cannot be obtained, are here open and free to all. We have a number of very fine country seats, and we have a most excellent college for young ladies, founded several years ago by a generous-hearted and liberal-minded man, Henry Wells, Esq. We have our railroad, our steamboats, and our various pleasures and forms of recreation; so that on the whole the man who leaves, for a few weeks, the bustle of the city, and recreates himself here, finds when he returns to his office that he has gained amazingly both mentally and physically.

Several mutes reside in our vicinity; several are farmers, having farms of their own; several are young people not yet through their schooling. One is an employee on the railroad; one is a young gentleman of collegiate education, and a happy and very sociable companion, and one is a little girl, whom I should consider to be the best educated in articulation with good effect, and who is carefully reared by a loving mother and fond sister, that, to even the attentive observer, it is quite hard to discover the essential points which distinguish the deaf-mute. And we feel confident that we are right when we prophesy that the promises of the little girl will be more than fulfilled in womanhood, and that any ordinary vocal conversation with the stranger that she does not possess the power of hearing. We have seen a case like this. At one of our exhibitions at the New York Institution, we observed quite an animated conversation going on between an accomplished semi-mute lady and one of the guests. Wishing to know how far our lady friend's power of articulation and lip-reading extended, we took the lips and ears, pardonable liberty of watching them for a few minutes. Everything looked natural, and there was none of the artificial labor of the lips and vocal organs that we have so often noticed in pupils of articulation, and we took it for granted of course that the young lady with whom our friend was in converse, was a speaking and hearing friend of hers. What then was our surprise and astonishment when we were told that she was a deaf-mute. Without implicit confidence in the person who made the assertion, we should have doubted the fact. The motions of this lady's lips were easy, graceful and very natural, and no one man in a thousand would have entertained the idea that she had been deprived of her hearing at an early age.

We learned that the circumstances of her education were much the same as those of the little girl we have mentioned above, and in her we can almost see a parallel case. We sincerely hope that no disappointment is in store for us.

Such cases, it is true, are very rare, and it would be unsafe to build a theory upon them. They, however, furnish the stepping stones to a possible higher and nobler reform in the art of the instruction of the deaf.

But, about that remarkable English mute, of whom, in my last letter, I promised I would tell something. His name is Alexander Ferguson, he is a mason by trade, and he lives in Dundee. As a swimmer and diver he is very popular, and has often been the instrument of saving persons from drowning. He goes into the water in all weathers and in all seasons, and he enjoys it. He has competed in swimming and diving matches, and has won many prizes. The British papers are not sparing in their praises of his oftentimes heroic conduct.

The *Sporting News* gives a portrait of Ferguson and makes the following remarks: "The subject of our sketch is a deaf and dumb resident of Dundee, who has become exceedingly popular there for his heroic conduct in rescuing from drowning so many of his fellow creatures, and for which he has been rewarded by the presentation of watches, purses and medals to him. Even at ten years of age, he saved the life of a boy who had fallen into the river Tay, having then learned to swim for about two seasons. Ferguson is now five and twenty years of age, a mason by trade, and his parents died when he was quite a child. The devotion and self-sacrifice he displays in rescuing lives entitles him to the gratitude of every lover of humanity; and perhaps his best reward is the consciousness of having done his duty well. God has, in his inscrutable providence, deprived him of great gifts common to man, but he is unquestionably endowed with a generous and affectionate nature, which we believe, affords him contentment and happiness richly deserved. Both during the summer and winter, the Dundee hero may be seen frequently bathing off the Craig pier, and he has no difficulty in making his way through the strong current, being a fine and resolute swimmer and diver. In the coldest weather, the deaf mute seems to find a pleasure in practicing the art, for, he says, it promotes his health and strengthens his muscles; and he strongly advocates the necessity of boys being taught how to swim. Ferguson is a member of the Tay Swimming Club, and last year won their duck-hunt prize. When he competed in the diving class, he was under the water for one minute and five seconds."

Any reader who has seen the following "Mr. Alexander Ferguson of Dundee," will know deaf-mute who has saved so many persons from drowning, made another rescue on Saturday afternoon, and is on the long line ship of Messrs. Thompson's yard on the day

in question, he observed a boy named Oliver Barr, who had been gathering sticks, slip over the ice and was run for his life. He succeeded in getting the little fellow out, but very little the worse for his ducking.

On the 10th inst., a meeting of the proceedings on the occasion of the presentation to Mr. Ferguson of a medal and watch. The American Consul was present as were also several other distinguished gentlemen. During these proceedings a man of the church arose and wished it known that he was much interested in the occasion, more so when it was considered that he was one of the many whom Mr. Ferguson had rescued from drowning.

Not only so, Mr. Ferguson knows for his kind in cases of drowning, but also as a firm friend of his fellow deaf-mutes. Popular as he is, he often has opportunities of witnessing performances on the stage, panorama, and various other amusements, and we note a paragraph in one of the papers to the effect that he often takes a company of twenty or thirty mutes with him, and such parts of the performance as they do not understand, he explains to them. We have received his photograph, and the likeness is that of a frank, open and daring countenance. It is rare that we can chronicle such a case of deaf-mute bravery and usefulness. True, we had much rather see a deaf-mute in a position of local celebrity, he is a deaf-mute, and a good, noble and generous deaf-mute, and as such we are proud to have a native of a foreign country notwithstanding.

It is very cool in this latitude, and a heavy coat is not over come a handy thing to have around. Hope you are well, and I hope you will write us again as soon as I have anything of interest to write.

KOIPONTI.
Aurora, Cayuga Lake, N. Y.,
July 21st, 1873.

Convention of the Empire State Deaf-Mute Association.

The Fifth Biennial Convention of the E. S. D. M. Association will hold its session in the City Hall, Rochester, commencing Aug. 27th and closing Aug. 29th next, including the three entire days.

The following programme will be adopted:

1. Members (and all others are respectfully invited to attend during the session) will repair to City Hall promptly at 9 1/2 a. m. on Wednesday morning, Aug. 27th. The exercises will be opened by prayer in the sign-language by the Rev. Thomas Gallaudet, D. D., Rector of St. Ann's Church for Deaf-Mutes, N. Y., or by the Rev. Thomas B. Berry, Rector of St. Paul's Chapel, Albany, N. Y.

2. His Honor, A. Carter Wilder, Mayor of the city of Rochester, is expected to deliver an address of welcome, which will be rendered in the sign-language by an interpreter for the benefit of deaf-mutes.

3. Biennial address by the President of the Association, followed by the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Society. Adjournment till 2 p. m.

4. At 2 p. m., the "oration of the day," by Prof. Henry W. Syle, M. A., or his substitute, Prof. H. D. Rogers, both of the N. Y. Institution for the Deaf and Dumb. This probably followed by short and interesting "speeches," impromptu remarks and miscellaneous matters until adjourning for the evening.

5. Wednesday evening, at 7 1/2 o'clock, there will be a service held at St. Luke's Church, when the Rev. Bishop Cox, D. D., of the Diocese of Western New York, will deliver an address to the mutes, which will be translated in the sign-language either by Rev. Dr. Gallaudet or Rev. Thos. B. Berry. Any person or persons wishing to be baptized or confirmed will find this a very favorable opportunity for receiving the solemn rites.

6. Thursday morning, the 28th, the Convention will meet at 9 1/2 o'clock, and after opening by prayer, Prof. Alphonse Johnson, of the N. Y. Institution, will deliver an address on the late Harvey E. Peet, LL. D., for many years the able and distinguished Principal of the N. Y. Institution for the Deaf and Dumb. Prof. Johnson will be followed by others who may wish to make brief and pertinent remarks. The remainder of the morning session will be filled up by such varied exercises as may be presented.

7. At 2 p. m. the election of officers of the Society for the next two years will take place, after which it is expected that Prof. Isaac Lewis Peet, LL. D., Principal of the N. Y. Institution, will, by special invitation deliver a lecture on the subject of Temperance.

8. Thursday evening, at 7 o'clock, a grand dinner will be served in Cobbyler's Hall, Powers' Block. Toasts will be proposed and responded to, after which a social Reunion will be held throughout the night, during which a great variety of innocent games, amusements, jokes, &c., will be provided to pass the time happily and pleasantly, under the superintendence of the Committee of Arrangements, Messrs. Hicks, Acker and Benedict, who will be detailed expressly for that purpose. Tickets of admission to the Banquet and Reunion \$2.00; for sale by James Matthews, lessee of Powers' Block, at the Convention; 50 cents from the sale of each ticket will be paid into the Treasury of the Association. Adjoining the Hall is Powers' Tower, from which can be obtained a magnificent view of Lake Ontario and the surrounding country for many miles. All guests at the banquet will be admitted to this fine view free of charge.

9. Friday morning, the third and last day of the session, the Association will convene at 9 1/2 a. m. Opening by prayer, after which a lecture will probably be delivered by Seth Green, Esq., Superintendent of the N. Y. State Fishery Commission on the nature, habits, increase and successful culture of the finny tribe—a subject which will be interesting and pleasing to every member and visitor of the convention. This lecture will be interpreted in the sign-language—Other persons, if there should be any who may have an address to deliver or an essay to read, will be welcomed to the platform.

10. At 2 p. m., the President elect will deliver a short address upon the past, present and future of the Empire State Association, and announce the time and place of holding the Sixth Biennial Convention, and after some important exercises, the convention will close its session by prayer and adjournment.

Hearing citizens and persons from abroad, for whose benefit the proceedings will be interpreted by Rev. Dr. Gallaudet, Thos. B. Berry, Esq., and Rev. Thomas B. Berry, Esq., are cordially invited and will be heartily welcomed to the church services and sessions of the Convention. As soon as the different lines of railways have been heard from, we will publish the names of the companies which will carry passengers to and from the convention at half-rate.

The following named hotels have agreed to board members of the Conventions at reduced rates:

Osborn House,	\$3.00 per day.
Bracket House,	3.00 " "
Congress Hall,	2.50 " "
Waverly House, (couple)	3.00 " "
Whitcomb House,	2.00 " "
Clinton Hotel,	2.00 " "
Redford House,	1.50 " "
Ayers Hotel,	1.75 " "

H. C. RIDER, President.
I. N. JONES, Secretary.

Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg R. R.

1873 Summer Arrangements, 1873.

On and after Monday, May 26th, and until further notice, passenger trains will run on this road as follows, (Sundays excepted):

Leave Mexico, 9:33 a. m.; arrive at Rome, 11:45 a. m.; Utica, 12:25 p. m.; Albany, 4:10 p. m.; New York, 10:30 p. m.; Springfield, 7:30 p. m.; Boston 11:30 p. m.

Leave Mexico 6:27 p. m.; arrive at Watertown, 8:20 p. m.; Rome, 9:22 p. m.; Ogdensburg, 11:25 a. m.; Potsdam Junction, 1:50 a. m.; Utica, 4:00 p. m.; Albany, 4:10 a. m.; New York, 7:00 a. m. Sleeping car through to New York.

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J. W. MOAK, Gen'l Supt.
H. T. FRARY, Gen'l Ticket Agent.

1873. SUMMER ARRANGEMENT.

Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Railroad—Broad and Narrow Gauge Lines—Shortest, Quickest and Direct Route to Albany, Troy, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and all Points East, West, South and Southwest.

Time Table commences Wednesday, June 4, 1873.

LEAVE OSWEGO.
BROAD GAUGE EXPRESS.
6:30 A. M. Fulton 7:02; Lanesboro 7:35; Baldwinsville 7:43; arrive at Syracuse 8:20 a. m.; New York 9:00 a. m.; Albany 10:30 a. m.

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